

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
Attorney's Docket No. 5061

In the Application of: Michael Borella )  
Serial No.: 10/840,083 ) Art Unit: 4117  
For: Session Initiation Protocol-Based )  
    Routing Support Apparatus and ) Examiner: Beatriz Prieto  
    Method )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 14, 2007**

In the Office Action mailed December 14, 2007, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction of this application to one of two groups, which the Examiner defined as follows:

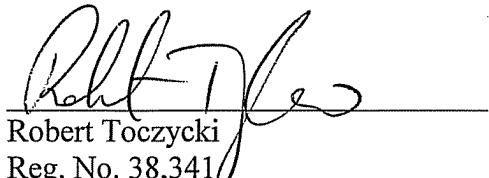
- I. Claims 1-28, 29-42, 43-59, drawn to a SIIP proxy server, a system for using a SIP proxy server, and a method for using a SIP proxy server, classified in class 709, subclass 227.
- II. Claims 50-65, drawn to a method for handling telecommunication resource identifiers, classified in class 709, subclass 225.

In compliance with MPEP Section 818, Applicants elect group I (Claims 1-28, 29-42, 43-59) without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 50-65 in a divisional application.

## **CONCLUSION**

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 847-631-9654.

Respectfully submitted,



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